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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" We have already one mass X-ray unit in the City. It will be a very costly apparatus. So it is not possible to have a mass X-ray unit in all mufassal places."

Visual education.

* 650 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many schools, pupils enjoyed the benefit of visual education ;

(*b*) the amount of public money that was spent on this during 1952–53 ; and

(*c*) who is in charge of this section and what are the qualifications prescribed for the post held by him?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 320 schools.

"(*b*) Rs. 31,700.

" (*c*) A Special Officer was in charge of the work relating to Audio-Visual Education in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction. The post has been vacant from 1st October 1953, as the Special Officer was allotted to the Andhra State. The Technical Education Officer in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction is now attending to the work. No qualifications have been prescribed for the post and the matter is under consideration."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In almost all the high schools in the mufassal, the students do not have the benefit of visual education and no machinery is available. In spite of this, all the schools are collecting visual education fees. What are they going to do with the money so collected? May I also know why they have not installed the necessary machinery? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This matter came up for consideration before the Committee that was appointed to go into this subject, viz., audio-visual education. There is this Standing Committee which has considered this matter. We are taking steps to see that all the schools are provided with the necessary equipment."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" Visual கல்விக்காக உயர்தரப்பள்ளி மாணவர்களிடமிருந்து தனியாகப் பணம் வாங்கப்படுகிறது. எட்டு மாத சம்பளத்தைப் பத்து மாதச் சம்பளமாக ஆக்கி, சம்பளத்தை உயர்த்தியும் விட்டதால் மாணவர்கள் ரொம்பவும் கஷ்டப் படுகிறார்கள். ஆகவே இந்த Visual கல்விக்காக வசூலிக்கப்படும் பணத்தையாவது ரத்துசெய்வார்களா?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is only a very small fee compared to the other fees collected. We feel this audio-visual education is a good thing which should be promoted."

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SRI D. K. RAJU :—" Visual education films are hired at the rate of 8 annas per day, whereas the average cost of each film itself is only Rs. 5 to Rs. 7. Is it not a fact that lot of representations have already been made to the Government that the department should distribute these films free? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I don't know wherefrom the hon. Member got the idea that these films could be produced for Rs. 5 or Rs. 7. If he is prepared to supply these films for a sum of Rs. 5 or Rs. 7, I am prepared to distribute them to the schools free, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the widespread illiteracy in this country, have the State Government any plan for using visual education in their adult education campaign? If the Government have not got any plan, will they formulate one? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put. I may, however, inform the hon. Member that the entire scheme of adult education is under consideration by Government."

Hand-boring and power-drilling sets in Tiruchirappalli.

* 651 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of hand-boring and power-drilling sets which are at the disposal of the Assistant Director of Industries, Tiruchirappalli;

(*b*) the approximate monthly average of the demands for these sets; and

(*c*) how many applications for these sets are pending at present?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Sixteen hand-boring sets and two power drills.

" (*b*) The monthly average of the demands for hand-boring sets and power drills is five and two respectively.

" (*c*) The number of applications pending is 25 for hand-boring sets and 50 for power drills."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" In view of the large-scale demand for power drills and hand-boring sets and large number of applications for these sets pending with the Director of Industries and Commerce, will the Government consider the advisability of allotting a greater number of power drills and hand-boring sets to be used in the dry parts of Tiruchirappalli district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Hand-boring sets are being manufactured locally. Thirty of them have already been manufactured and they will be distributed.